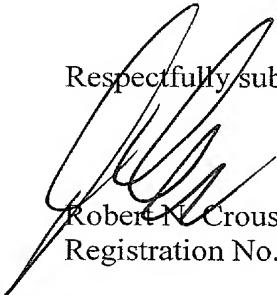


REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the detailed examination evidenced by the Final Official Action mailed August 21, 2007 (hereinafter "Final Official Action") and the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review mailed January 17, 2008. Applicant also acknowledges the continued allowance of Claims 4-6, 8-10, and 24 and allowability of Claims 2 and 25.

In response, Applicant has re-written Claims 2 and 25 in allowable form and amended rejected Claim 3 to depend from allowable Claim 2. Applicant has also canceled rejected Claim 1. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present Amendment After Final as the present amendment only rewrites allowable claims in independent form and has canceled or rewritten the rejected claims to depend from allowable claims. Further, as the present amendment all issues for appeal, the need for an Appeal Brief is now moot. In view of these amendments, Applicant respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued in the present case. If any informal matters arise the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

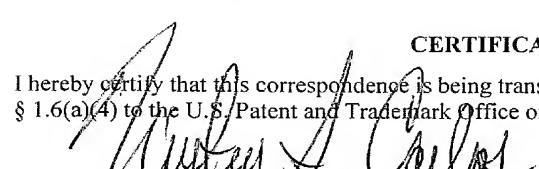


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